



H.RES. 1360 – HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE SELFLESS ACTS OF HEROISM DISPLAYED BY THE LATE DETECTIVE JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH CHESTNUT OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE ON JULY 24, 1998

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1360 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) on July 22, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on House Administration, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1360 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 23, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1360 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Honors and commemorates the selfless acts of heroism displayed by the late Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson of the United States Capitol Police on July 24, 1998; and
- Expresses its condolences to the wives, children, and other family members of Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson on the 10 year anniversary of their passing.

BACKGROUND

On July 24, 1998, Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the U.S. Capitol Police were both shot and killed by a gunman while on duty in the Capitol.

Detective Gibson was born March 29, 1956, and was shot and killed while guarding the office of the House Majority Whip office located in the Capitol building. Detective Gibson was survived by his wife Evelyn and their three children.

Private First Class Chestnut, born April 28, 1940, was killed while guarding the Document Room Door entrance of the Capitol. Private First Class Chestnut was survived by his wife Wen Ling and was the father of five children.

Both Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut were the first police officers to lie in honor in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, and Private First Class Chestnut was the first African-American to achieve this honor. Both Officers are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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